

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The USS South Dakota (BB-57) was the first ship of her class of four and went on to become the most decorated battleship of World War II; and,

Whereas, The USS South Dakota performed with such distinction that it was reported sunk three times by the Imperial Japanese Navy; and,

Whereas, Of the 2240 enlisted men and 114 officers who served on this ship, 95 men were killed in action; and,

Whereas, During World War II, USS South Dakota was referred to as "Battleship X" and "Old Nameless" for security reasons; and,

Whereas, The people of South Dakota are immensely proud of the USS South Dakota and their connection to her, and South Dakota has since created a permanent memorial to the ship and crew; and,

Whereas, Seventy-five years have passed since the USS South Dakota was first launched in 1941; and,

Whereas, Surviving crewmen from the USS South Dakota will again gather for a reunion on June 11, 2016, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the USS South Dakota:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 11, 2016, as

USS SOUTH DAKOTA (BB-57) DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State